

Updates.
Rebalancing Workgroup MFP and BIP
December 2016

Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Updates

- I. No Wrong Door (NWD) Technical Assistance Grant
 - a. MDOA was one of 8 states throughout the country that was recently awarded a 2-year grant from ACL, CMS, and VHA to continue to develop its high performing NWD System. The grant period runs from 10/1/16 to 9/30/18.
 - b. Key tasks include:
 1. Equipment Reuse:
 - Expand equipment and use of the Equipment Link website, a website of MDTAP. Consider ways in which we can enhance or expand consumer-to-product matching.
 - Explore integration of this site in to the Maryland Access Point site to assure more Marylanders are aware of this product exchange site.
 - i. Engage large-volume entities to identify methods of equipment recycling that moves equipment quickly and efficiently into the hands of consumers and caregivers.
 - ii. Develop an advisory group to guide the direction of the project as it relates to improving refurbishing/reuse AT activities throughout the state.
 - iii. Facilitate greater collaboration throughout Maryland among existing loan closets, which are a mix of government, and not for profit agencies with the goal of providing equipment throughout the state in the areas in which it is needed
 2. Training
 - Develop AT specific trainings and curriculum for No Wrong Door staff
 - Prepare a cadre of trainers through a train-the-trainer approach that will results in training over AT topics to MAP staff.
 - MDTAP will provide this training both in person and via webinar.
 - MDTAP staff will oversee and ensure certification of up to 20 MAP staff and certification will include CEU approval.
 3. Outreach
 - MDTAP staff will implement an education campaign for consumers to promote the use of AT.
 - MDTAP will reach out to Centers for Independent Living in the state, long term services and supports providers and other relevant organizations regarding use of assistive technology in care
 - MDTAP and MDoA will use social media as well as print and broadcast media around Maryland to increase awareness.
 - c. MDTAP staff will identify and collect data indicators such as improved caregiver satisfaction, and/or increased confidence to self-direct services.

- II. Maryland Access Point Sites: No Wrong Door Management (NWD) Tool Management Pilot
 - a. Administer by the Administration on Community Living
 - b. The tool will serve as a resource for states to administer and manage their No Wrong Door System and will provide:
 - 1. A picture of a state's current functional capacity and extent to which systems meets vision
 - 2. Helps state's see what organizations are involved and their role in the NWD system.
 - c. Please contact Eram Abbasi eram.abbasi@maryland.gov, if you have additional questions regarding the tool.
- III. Maryland Access Point Website
 - a. Is seeking volunteers to review the language on the **Plan tab** of the Maryland Access Point website (www.marylandaccesspoint.info). If you are interested in reviewing the draft language, please email Eram Abbasi eram.abbasi@maryland.gov
- IV. Waiver Registry Screen
 - a. Letters have been sent out to 7,000 people on the Waiver Registry and we are working on mail to go out to the next 2,000.
 - b. Between MAP staff and the Schaefer Center, 5,472 individuals on the Waiver Registry have received the Level One Screen.
 - c. 286 out of 2,030 nursing home residents who were on the Waiver Registry have been referred for Options Counseling
 - d. The waiver registry has been reduced to 23,940 individuals.
 - e. Anyone wanting to maintain their place on the registry should call the MAP 1-844-627-5465 or Ernest Le 410-767-5215
- V. BIP Updates
 - A. Hospital to Home Initiative:
 - 1. To create partnerships with MAP, LHDs and Hospitals to help MA participants' transition home and avoid new hospitalizations and LTC stays. MDoA plans to send out the grant applications this week.
 - 2. Staff members from MDoA and DHMH are currently reviewing applications that have been submitted.

Money Follows the Person (MFP) Updates

- I. General Updates
 - A. Submission Dates
 - a. MFP CMS Budget is due February 10, 2017
 - b. MFP Semi Annual Report is due February 28, 2017
 - B. Staffing Update

- a. Associate Project Director – Job announcement closed on December 5, 2016. HR is in the process of reviewing applications.
 - b. Contractual Position: Transitions Coordinator- Job announcement closed on December 5, 2016. Applications have been forwarded and reviewed by MFP staff. Interviews are currently in the process of being scheduled.
 - c. Amy Logsdon has returned to the office. If you have any questions regarding Behavioral Health, please feel free to email her at Amy.Logsdon@maryland.gov.
- C. Housing Updates
- a. DHMH Activities
 - i. Rebecca Raggio and Maxine Arena are providing overviews of the affordable housing programs (Section 811 PRA, MFP Bridge Subsidy, and Weinberg Apartments) to supports planning agencies and coordinators for community services and Housing 101 presentations. Contact Rebecca at rebecca.raggio@maryland.gov or call 410-767-4948 to schedule training.
 - 1. Rebecca gave a webinar overview of the affordable housing programs to Coordinators for Community Services hosted by DDA on 10/14/16.
 - 2. Housing 101 was provided at the new supports planner training on 11/16/16.
 - ii. Rebecca and Maxine have been providing technical assistance to supports planners who are assisting individual's referred to the MFP Bridge Subsidy program and Section 811 PRA.
 - b. Maryland Partnership for Affordable Housing (MPAH)
 - i. The Advisory Group (made up of representatives from DHMH, DHCD, MDOD, DDA, BHA, and the CIL network) continues to meet regularly to discuss development and implementation of housing programs such as Weinberg Units, 811 PRA, and MFP Bridge.
 - ii. The Case Management Subcommittee continues to have property-specific monthly calls for case managers assisting Section 811 applicants and tenants. The subcommittee meets quarterly in-person to provide housing program updates and is open to representatives from cross-disability case management agencies. **Next meeting: 1/12/17 1:30-3:30 pm at MCDD, 7000 Tudsbury Rd, Windsor Mill, MD**
 - c. HUD Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration
 - i. Maryland received two funding awards from HUD for Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration to provide project-based rental assistance to people with disabilities who are low-income, Medicaid recipients between the ages of 18 and 61.
 - 1. Identified projects:
 - a. Harford County- Riverwoods at Tollgate- 13 units- **Leased**
 - b. Anne Arundel County- Berger Square- 8 units – **Leased**
 - c. Baltimore City- Warwick Apartments- 12 units

- d. Baltimore County-
 - i. Red Run Station- 11 units
 - ii. Preserve at Red Run- 13 units
 - iii. Merritt Station- 11 units
- e. Frederick City
 - i. Sinclair Way- 11 units- Under construction, **Referring Now!**
 - ii. 520 N. Market St.- 5 units
- f. Montgomery County - Woodfield Commons- 13 units
- g. Prince George's County
 - i. Bladensburg Commons- 15 units- Under construction, **Referring Now!**
 - ii. Brinkley Hill- 5 units - Under construction, **Referring Now!**
- h. Talbot County - Galloway Meadows- 4 units
- i. Wicomico County- Homes at Johnson Pond- 4 units
- ii. MPAH amended the definition for the Priority 3 category for the HUD 811 PRA waitlist to include "Home and Community-based Options Waiver participants moving from an assisted living facility licensed by the DHMH Office of Healthcare Quality to independent renting." The change is effective December 12, 2016; a memo was sent to supports planning agencies notifying of the change.

d. Weinberg Apartments

- i. Brinkley Hill in Prince George's County is currently under construction and will have 3 2-bedroom Weinberg units. **Referring Now!**

e. MFP Bridge Subsidy

- i. The MFP Bridge Subsidy registry is open and referrals are underway. MFP Bridge Subsidy will be offered throughout Maryland for MFP eligible individuals transitioning from qualified institutions or individuals in the Brain Injury Waiver who are transitioning from ALUs. Eligible applicants must be 18 and older with a maximum household income of \$15,000.
- ii. The Bridge Subsidy will be tenant-based, similar to the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. The Bridge Subsidy will provide rental assistance for up to 3 years. Individuals will transition to HCVs after that period with the exception of Montgomery County, which will offer project-based units. The program is projected to assist 87 individuals.
- iii. Applicants selected for the program will locate a unit that suits their needs and has rent within the program guidelines.
- iv. Individuals will pay 30% of their income for rent and utilities.
- v. The MFP Bridge Subsidy is gradually rolling out to participating jurisdictions:

1. The program is open in Carroll County (5 commitments), Prince George's County (5 commitments), DHCD (18 commitments, Western MD and Eastern Shore), Baltimore City (15 commitments), Harford County (5 commitments), Anne Arundel County (7 commitments), Hagerstown (5 commitments), and St. Mary's County (5 commitments), and Easton (5 commitments), Howard County (5 commitments), Baltimore County (10 commitments)
2. Subsidies are still available for following jurisdictions, referrals are needed: DHCD (Western MD and Eastern Shore), Harford County, Anne Arundel County, Hagerstown, St. Mary's County, Easton, and Howard County.
3. Referrals TBA for Montgomery (10 project-based units).

Transitions

- a. Since the beginning of the program in 2008, MFP has transitioned a total of 2657 individuals
- b. Benchmark for CY 2016 (January- December) is 300 transitions
- c. As of December 13, 2016 we have transitioned individuals 223 (14 additional individuals will be added once their codes have been updated in MMIS)
- d. By December 31, 2016, we need 63 individuals

*The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 7, 2016** from 12-2 in room L-3.*